

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Theodore J. Anfinson, M.D., a 48 year-old physician from Iowa City, Iowa, was charged by the Iowa Board with engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public when he violated appropriate professional physician/patient boundaries. Dr. Anfinson, a practicing psychiatrist, engaged in an inappropriate personal and/or sexual relationship with a patient. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for June 18, 2003.

Donald R. Gebers, D.O., a 46 year-old physician from Cherokee, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Gebers was charged with the inability to practice medicine in a safe manner due to substance abuse and engaging in inappropriate prescribing practices and his Iowa medical license was immediately suspended. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Gebers' Iowa medical license is suspended indefinitely.

Paul D. Goodrich, M.D., a 52 year-old physician from Omaha, Nebraska, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. Dr. Goodrich was charged with violating a Board order when he failed to complete a comprehensive Board-ordered substance abuse evaluation. Dr. Goodrich voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license.

David J. Houlihan, M.D., a 39 year-old physician currently from Onalaska, Wisconsin, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Houlihan was charged with engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public when he violated appropriate professional physician/patient boundaries. Dr. Houlihan completed a comprehensive professional boundary evaluation. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Houlihan agreed to successfully complete an education program on physician-patient boundaries in the practice of psychiatry within 90 days.

Cassim Igram, D.O., a 47 year-old physician from Batavia, Illinois, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Igram was charged with being disciplined by the Illinois Medical Board. The Illinois Board accused Dr. Igram of engaging in unprofessional, unethical and dishonorable conduct in his care and treatment of several individuals who sought nutritional consultation. Dr. Igram was fined \$4,000 and his Illinois medical license was placed on permanent and irrevocable inactive status. Under the terms of the Iowa Settlement Agreement, Dr. Igram must provide the Board 90 days written notice and fully comply with any and all requirements established by the Iowa Board prior to beginning the practice of medicine under his Iowa medical license.

Jeffrey J. Joyce, M.D., a 31 year-old resident physician from Iowa City, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. Dr. Joyce was charged with engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct based on evidence he inappropriately pursued romantic relationships with several females, engaged in the inappropriate use of alcohol and inappropriately provided medical treatment to a woman with whom he shared a romantic relationship. Dr. Joyce completed a comprehensive evaluation. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Joyce's Iowa medical license is placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions.

Charles T. McGlynn, M.D., a 47 year-old physician from Dubuque, Iowa, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. The Board received information indicating Dr. McGlynn may suffer from a mental or physical condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine in a safe manner. Dr. McGlynn has not practiced medicine in Iowa for some time.

Joseph L. Monahan, III, D.O., a 46 year-old physician from Vinton, Iowa, was charged by the Board with habitual intoxication and the inability to practice medicine in a safe manner due to the excessive use of drugs or alcohol. In 1989, Dr. Monahan's Iowa medical license was placed on probation for five years based on allegations he excessively used drugs and/or alcohol which impaired his ability to practice medicine in a safe and skillful manner. The Board recently received evidence Dr. Monahan again engaged in the inappropriate use of drugs or alcohol and suffers from drug or alcohol dependence. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for May 13, 2003.

Mukeshchandra Patel, M.D., a 43 year-old physician from Brookfield, Illinois, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. Dr. Patel was charged with being disciplined by the Illinois Medical Board. The Illinois Board accused Dr. Patel of engaging in improper personal relationships with two patients and performing unnecessary breast exams on a third patient while serving in the United States Navy. The Navy revoked Dr. Patel's medical privileges and his Illinois medical license was placed on indefinite probation under certain terms and conditions. Under the terms of the Iowa Settlement Agreement, Dr. Patel must complete a comprehensive sexual misconduct evaluation and pay a \$5,000 fine prior to beginning the practice of medicine under his Iowa license. Upon beginning the practice of medicine under his Iowa medical license, his license will be placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions.

Mark A. Sundell, D.O., a 51 year-old radiologist from Rawlins, Wyoming, was charged with being disciplined by the Wyoming Medical Board. The Wyoming Board charged Dr. Sundell with professional incompetency, ordered that he complete a comprehensive competency evaluation and placed his license on probation for five years. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for June 18, 2003.